

Sharks on a Tablet

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This project is a tablet cover and is knitted like a toe-up sock. It is designed such that no more than two colors are ever held at once and it will work with 2, 3, or even 4 colors. The idea for the shark motif came as an homage to online trans communities and is best paired with light blue, pink, and white yarn.

Instructions are numbered but are independent of the project row number.



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Attributes/materials	
Skill level	intermediate
Skill	toe-up, magic loop, fair-isle
Colors	2+
Yarn rec.	~100g bulky weight
Needles	size 10 (6.0 mm) size 9 (5.5 mm)
Gauge	15 sts / 4 in (10 cm)
Cable	>24 in (>60 cm)
Misc. Materials	1 button ¾ in (20 mm)
Final width	7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

Glossary	
CO	Cast On
sts	Stitches
instr(s)	Instruction(s)
K3	Knit 3 sts
P5	Purl 5 sts
PSO	Pass Stitch Over
Sl	Slip 1 as if to knit
YO	Yarn Over
K2Tog	Knit Two Together
NC	New Color

Swatch (optional)

1. CO 23 sts with size 10 (6.0 mm) needles
2. Knit 5 rows
3. K23
4. K4 P15 K4
5. Repeat instrs 3-4 10x
6. Knit 6 rows
7. Bind off

If the stockinette portion of the swatch does not measure 10cm across, adjust the needle size to match. The other pair of needles should be 1 size (0.5 mm) smaller.

CO 72 sts using Judy's Magic Cast On

Use the larger needles to start.

8. Hold both needles together in your right hand
9. Wrap the yarn around both needles 36x to determine tail length
10. Pinch the working yarn, unravel it from the needles
11. Hold on to the working yarn where you pinched it; wrap the tail over your thumb and index finger, creating a bar between both fingers. Make sure the tail is going over your index finger.
12. Slide the bar between the two needles such that the top needle is closer to you. This will split the bar into a top and bottom strand.
13. Bring the bottom strand up between the needles and wrap it over the top needle [1 sts]
14. Wrap the top strand below the bottom needle and bring it down between the needles [2 sts]
15. Repeat instrs 13–14 35x [72 sts]
16. Turn the work, pull the top needle out

Colorwork

17. Knit in color chart until work is 1in (2.5 cm) from being able to cover the tablet.

Lid

**Choose a single color for the lid.
Switch to the smaller needle size.**

18. (K1, P1)x36
19. Repeat last instr 4x
20. K1, P1, K1
21. Slide the three sts down and pull out the working needle until magic loop disappears.
22. P1, (K1, PSO, P1, PSO)x15, K1, P1 [42 sts]
23. Slide the remaining sts onto the left needle without pulling out the working needle.

Make sure there are no floats wider than 3 sts across.

- Catch floats by crossing the strands over each other on the wrong side every 3 sts of the same color.
- Also wrap the strands as if to catch a float for the first stitch on either side.
- This will make it less likely for the tablet to catch any floats when sliding into the cover.

Hold the shark color to the right and the background color to the left.

- This will make the eyes and mouth pop better.
- If using two colors, swap them at the start of each row marked NC (new color).
- Otherwise, the incoming color for each NC row should be placed to your right.

24. (K1, P1)x19, turn

25. Sl, PSO, P1, PSO, (K1, P1) until 1 st remains, turn [40 sts]

26. Repeat *last instr* 11x [18 sts]

Create a button hole

27. Sl, PSO, P1, PSO, (K1, P1)x3, YO, K2Tog, (K1, P1)x3 [16 sts]

Finish the work

28. Repeat *instr 25* 3x [10 sts]

29. Sl, PSO, (P1, PSO, K1, PSO)x4, YO, PSO

30. Cut yarn and draw it through the loop

31. Weave in ends and sew on the button

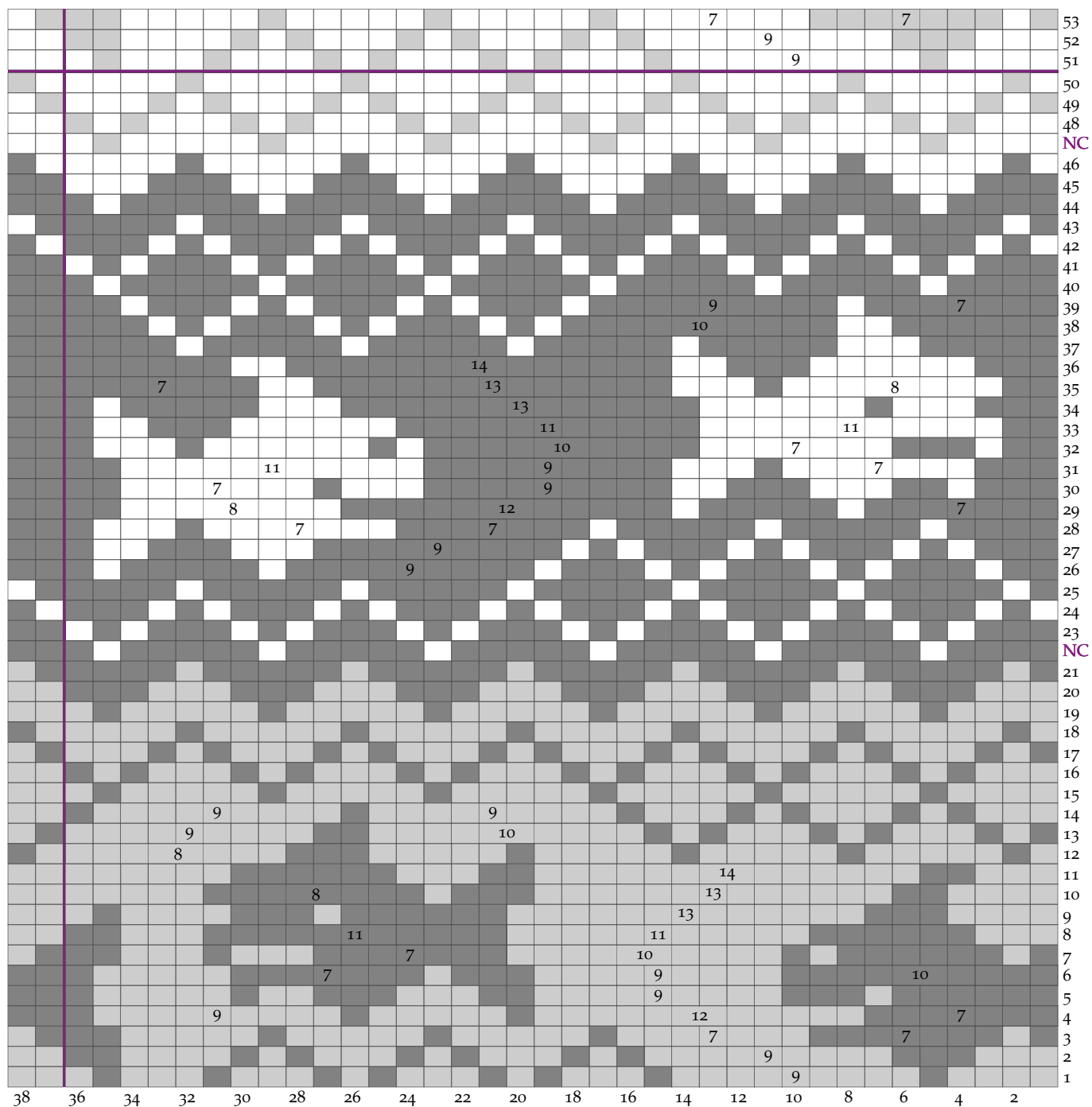


Figure 1: Sharks Color Chart